

Side – Yurika

The girl named Nijino Yurika was as bad as Koutarou at getting up. Koutarou slept in the main room, so when someone came, he'd get up, but Yurika was different, she slept in the wardrobe, so she often just kept sleeping, forgot to set her alarm or something similar.

“...Nu, nuha, nuhahaha... ‘s my win...”

“She’s asleep.”

“She’s asleep, ho-.”

“She forgot to set her alarm again, ho-.”

Waking her up was Koutarou and the Haniwa’s duty. It wasn’t that anyone had decided that they’d do it, but they just often did. It just sort of ended up being Koutarou who was good at looking after people, and the Haniwa, who liked work.

“... E’en if ‘s har’, you can’t bea’ me... nuha, nuhaha.”

“Big brother, how do we wake her up today, ho?”

“I wonder. If we shake her she won’t wake up, and if we play an alarm next to her ear she’ll be angry...”

“What a selfish sleepy head, ho-.”

“She really is.”

Their trouble every morning was how to wake her. If they just chose the quickest method, she’d complain it was violent and rough. Finding a way to wake her without her complaining was the hardest.

“... That’s my tenth win... nuha, nuhahaha...”

“Let’s go with a bit of a curve ball today.”

“A curve ball?”

“A clever plan, ho-!”

Koutarou approached her and put his mouth near her ear.

“... Satomi-shan, I’ll split my points... you can’t have zero points...”

“Yurika, calm down and listen. Nothing good will happen if you win.”

This morning, Koutarou would wake her up with a whispering strategy. Even sleeping people could hear their surroundings. They had an influence on their mental state depending on the individual, but Koutarou had estimated that possibility.

“... ‘at’s not true... ‘s my complete victory...”

“That’s a dream, look at reality, Yurika.”

“... No... you’re just bullying me...”

“Remember Yurika, every time you win, it’s just a sign of worse to come, right?”

“... uuh, uugh, ugghh...”

As Koutarou whispered, Yurika’s expression darkened as she slept on. Her card draws worsened, she’d meet her enemies and be completely defeated, her money drained away. Her dream of continuous wins quickly became a nightmare. Because she avoided hardships, she was already on the brink of waking up. The Haniwa were blown away by it.

“That’s our big brother! He has amazing ideas when it counts, ho!”

“We’ll try it for future reference, ho!”

“Right, go ahead.”

“Yurika-chan, there’s something behind you, ho!”

“It’s a zombie, ho! A zombie’s chasing you, ho!”

“Kyaaaaaa, nooooooo!?”

Yurika was completely awake, without being woken roughly. Even so, she ended up complaining bitterly at Koutarou and the Haniwa.